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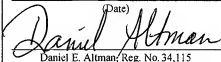
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For : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR HIGH-
THROUGHPUT QUANTIFICATION
OF MRNA FROM WHOLE BLOOD
Examiner : Lu, Frank Wei Min
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on September 18, 2007. The Summary sheet indicates that the Office Action has been made final. However, the present Office Action is the first Office Action on the merits, and nothing in the text of the Office Action indicates any reason for making the application final. In a telephone conversation with the Examiner, the Examiner confirmed that the **Office Action is non-final**.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.